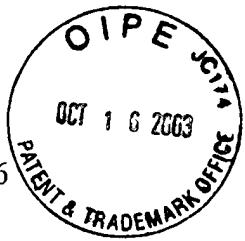


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For the concise explanation of relevance for Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open Nos. 5-77422, 5-193141 and 11-334069, the Examiner is referred to the English-language abstracts enclosed herewith, to pages 1 and 2 of the specification, where those documents are discussed, and, in the case of JP 5-77422, to U.S. Patent No. 5,754,202, which is an English-language counterpart thereof.

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### CONCLUSION

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